

PARENTS EVENING IS COMING SOON!

This year we will be approaching our parent evenings a little differently. To ensure that we give our parents the best possible experience, we will be holding this year's meetings on two consecutive nights rather than just one. Traditionally, we have met with parents on one evening but we feel that by organising the meetings over two nights, this will allow our teachers to spend more, quality time discussing your children. The first parents evening will take place on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th October 2018. Keep an eye out for the appointment letters which will be handed out this week! Please see your child's class teacher if you require further information.

Teaming up with Merseyside Police

Well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who teamed up with Merseyside police last week for a 'Clean Sweep' around our school. The children worked hard picking up litter to help keep our school environment tidy and their hard work was rewarded with tickets to the Everton versus Fulham game. The pupils enjoyed their visit to Goodison Park (a first visit for some) as they watched the blues beat Fulham 3 vs 0! The hot dogs went down a treat as well! You can see more photos of the event on our Flickr and Twitter feed. We look forward to teaming up with Merseyside Police again in the future.



Judo Education - Extra Curricular Club

At Florence Melly we're committed to providing the best possible opportunities to our pupils in all areas of the curriculum and PE is no different. Mrs Dentith, our PE Coordinator has set out a new plan which tackles five main areas: The engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity; The profile of PE and sport being raised across the school; Increased confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching PE and sport; Broader experience of a range of sports and activities offered to all pupils and Increased participation in competitive sport. Later this half-term our pupils will have the opportunity to participate in an extra-curricular Judo club - something we have never offered in our school before. To introduce the pupils to Judo, we received a masterclass assembly this week and it went down a treat! Letters have been sent home so, if you are interested in your child participating, please return them to school as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!



Peter Yip - Diversity Workshops

As part of our whole-school theme on 'Daring to be Different', Year 6 were given the opportunity to work with Peter Yip, an Equality and Diversity Consultant. The children participated in engaging workshops exploring taboo vocabulary and we are so proud of how maturely they approached it. The 'Same but Different' workshops proved to be a real hit with our pupils. Hopefully it is the start of a good relationship with Peter and he is returning to school on Monday to deliver staff training. Peter turned to Twitter to comment on what a great time he had in our school.



We are always looking for ways to improve the way we communicate with our parents and carers. If you have any ideas, please see Mr Leach - who will listen to your suggestions and try to improve what we already do!

KEY DATES

08/10/18
Flu Vaccines
for Pupils in
Year 1 - Year 5

09/10/18
Cross Country
at Clarke's
Gardens

15/10/18
16/10/18
School
Photograph
Day

15/10/18
16/10/18
Parents
Evening
3:30 - 5:30pm

Our weekly newsletters are available on the school website in the 'Parent Zone' section. They will be updated every Friday. We will not be sending out paper copies but please ask the office if you would like a paper version.



School Council Visit to the Town Hall

On Monday 1st October we took all 16 of our School Council to the Town Hall for the first Lower House Meeting of the school year. Our children were encouraged to share their thoughts on the important issues in our schools and our city. The children had lots of opinions and ideas on recycling, transport, pollution and safety, to name a few. We ended the day with a tour of the Town Hall and even got to try out the Councillors' seats in the Chambers.

New Parent Code of Conduct

We will soon be issuing every parent with a 'Code of Conduct' agreement which is a reminder to all parents/carers about the expected conduct and the high expectations we have for all stakeholders. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding. The 'Code of Conduct' will be in the form of a leaflet and will have a section for parents/carers to sign and return. We trust that parents/carers will assist our school with the implementation of this and we thank you for your continuing support of the school.

Autism Training for Our Staff

Last week, Elaine from Autism Outreach visited our school and provided valuable training for our teaching assistants. Elaine provided staff with a whole host of strategies to help support our autistic pupils in school. The session was extremely informative and we would like to thank Elaine for her time and Ms Findell for organising the event.

The Giants in Princess Park

Last week, some lucky students came out of school to try and catch a glimpse of some of the visitors to our wonderful city. We went to Princes Park, hoping to see the 'Little Boy' giant but also had the pleasure of seeing the biggest, friendliest pet ever – Xolo the dog. Some of our children hadn't seen the giants before, and were amazed by it all. "It is really exciting to see them in real life," said a year 5 child. We all agreed it was a fantastic experience.



Attendance Matters at Florence Melly


A huge well done to 4D who won last week's attendance with a whopping 99.5%. They will receive their attendance prize with Mr Doyle next week. Whole-school attendance improved last week from 95.4% to 95.9% - lets see if we can improve that again next week!



In Other News...

Every day is always action-packed and fun-filled here at Florence Melly and this week proved to be no different. Here are some more of the superb, memorable experiences we provided our pupils this week like: Year 6 getting 'quizzical', coding and creating their own quiz with our partner computing company, MGL; Year 4 enjoyed a hockey skills lesson with the LFC coaches; Year 5 enjoyed an afternoon with the Apple of my Eye company studying Anglo Saxon food and foraging; Some of our pupils took part in a reading project with the @LFCFoundation and @premierleague Primary Stars initiative and Year 1 learnt how to effectively brush their teeth and become 'tooth defenders'!



 Check out our Twitter and Flickr feeds for more information and photos about the fab activities we provide our pupils, each and every week. 

KEY DATES

15/10/18
Whole-School
Maths
Reasoning
Morning

15/10/18
Junior Lord
Mayor Elections
at the Town
Hall

17/10/18
Enrichment Trip
to Diamond
Way Buddhist
Centre

19/10/18
Children finish
for
Half-Term
Holidays

12/11/18
National
Anti-Bullying
Week
Celebrations

20/12/18
Term ends and
School closes
for
Christmas